TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2783 - HB 3028

February 18, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association member schools to perform background checks on any person applying for a coaching position. This includes athletic coaches, coaching assistants, and volunteer positions. Requires the applicant to supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a background check conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) prior to the awarding of the job. All costs incurred by the TBI shall be paid by the applicant.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact - Not Significant

Increase State Revenue – Net Impact - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Public K-12, private schools approved by the Department of Education (DOE), and special purpose schools currently perform background checks on their employees including coaching staff.
- Church-related and other types of private schools are not required to perform background checks, however, according to DOE, some currently do.
- The number of schools and therefore positions (paid and unpaid) that are currently coaching that have not had a background check preformed are unable to be reasonably quantified due a lack of relevant data.
- Any applicant who applies for or volunteers for a coaching or coaching assistant position will have a background check preformed. The applicant will pay for the check.
- The number of additional background checks that may be preformed is unable to be reasonably quantified.

• Any additional increase in state expenditures will be offset by a corresponding increase in state revenue from background check fees. The net impact on state expenditures and state revenue is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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